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ONCE THERE WERE FOUR SISTERS WHO INHERITED AN EERIE OLD HOUSE DEEP IN THE SWAMP COUNTRY, AND BEFORE THE FIRST NIGHT WAS OVER, SOME FOUND LOVE, SOME FOUND DEATH, AND ONE FOUND THE EVIL SECRETS OF THE OCCULT AND BECAME A...

DEAD WITCH



YES, ONCE THERE WERE FOUR SISTERS, AS DIFFERENT AS ANY SISTERS COULD BE! THE YOUNGEST WAS MARY, SWEET, PRETTY, AND SENSIBLE...



NEXT CAME PEARL, WITH THE FACE OF A CHINA DOLL, AND THE VAIN HEART OF A SPOILED CHILD...



THE THIRD WAS RUBY, SURE OF HERSELF, AND SURE THAT HER LOVELY BODY WOULD BRING HER WHATEVER SHE DESIRED...



AND LAST... BUT FAR FROM LEAST... THERE WAS ELVIRA, SILENT AND SHY, WITH STRANGE, DARK AND MYSTERIOUS EYES...



WHEN THE SISTERS ARRIVED TO TAKE OVER THE OLD HOUSE, THEY FOUND HANDSOME YOUNG LAWYER, JOHN BELL THERE TO HELP THEM, AND AS MARY LOOKED AT JOHN, SHE THOUGHT...

WHAT A KIND, CONSIDERATE PERSON! I--I HOPE I HAVE A CHANCE TO GET BETTER ACQUAINTED WITH HIM!

...AND SO I THOUGHT I'D STAY THE FIRST NIGHT HERE WITH YOU YOUNG LADIES AND HELP YOU GET SETTLED!

RUBY AND PEARL HAD THOUGHTS, TOO...

HOW HANDSOME! WE'RE BOTH SO BEAUTIFUL! WHAT A STARTLING COUPLE WE'D MAKE!

WHAT SHOULDERS! FOR A MAN, HIS FIGURE IS NEARLY AS MINE IS FOR A WOMAN! WHAT A WONDERFUL COUPLE WE'D MAKE!

BUT ELVIRA'S THOUGHTS WERE THE MOST STARTLING...

THIS IS THE MAN FOR ME! I'VE NEVER HAD A MAN INTERESTED IN ME...MY SISTERS ALWAYS STOLE THEM FROM ME! BUT THIS ONE IS MINE...IF I HAVE TO KILL FOR HIM!

BUT AS THE EVENING WORE ON...

LOOK AT THEM FAWNING OVER HIM AND I'M TOO SHY TO SAY HOW MUCH I LOVE HIM! I CAN'T WATCH THIS ANOTHER SECOND!

SO ELVIRA TURNED AND RACED DOWN A DARK PASSAGE, AND LATER...

I CAN'T LET THEM TAKE HIM! I'D DO ANYTHING TO STOP THEM, BUT WHAT CAN...

OOH-H!

A HIDDEN ROOM! IT MUST HAVE BEEN THE DEN OF SOME LONG-DEAD WITCH... AND YET I FEEL STRANGELY AT HOME HERE! AND THE GREAT BOOK ON THE TABLE... IT MUST CONTAIN...

And
MOMENTS
LATER...

I KNEW IT! THE
DARKEST OF SECRETS
ARE HERE... THE POWERS
OF DARKNESS ARE MINE!
I CAN DESTROY THEM,
BUT I'LL GIVE THEM
EACH ONE MORE CHANCE!
THEN IF THEY DON'T
LEAVE JOHN TO ME...



SO ELVIRA CHOSE TO
APPROACH PEARL FIRST...

STAY AWAY FROM JOHN
BECAUSE YOU WANT HIM?
HA! HA! HE WOULDN'T
LOOK AT YOUR UGLY
FACE AFTER SEEING
MINE! I'M GOING TO
MARRY HIM! NOW
GET OUT OF MY WAY!
I'M GOING TO DRESS
FOR DINNER!

I'M
WARNING
YOU,
PEARL...



ALRIGHT, THEN! I MUST
DESTROY HER! AND I'LL
DO IT IN A WAY TO MATCH
HER OWN WORST FAULT...
HER VANITY ABOUT HER
FACE!



MINUTES LATER,
BACK IN THE
HIDDEN ROOM...

FIRE, FIRE, TWIST
AND TURN, SINGE AND
SEAR AND BAKE AND
BURN! STEAL HER
BEAUTY, CHANGE HER
FACE, LEAVE A CINDER
IN ITS PLACE!



ABOVE, PEARL SAT ADMIRING
HERSELF AS ELVIRA KNEW SHE
WOULD BE, AND...

I AM LOVELY AND I'LL MAKE
JOHN FALL FOR ME! WHAT'S
THAT? SHINING... FLAMING
IN THE MIRROR...



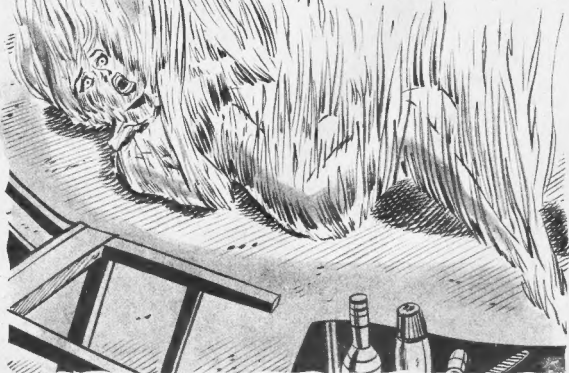
NO! NO! MY FACE!
IT'S BURNING... IT'S...
IT'S OLD... OLD! AND
IT'S NOT A DREAM...
I CAN FEEL IT
CHANGING!



I WON'T LIVE LIKE
THIS! I'D RATHER
DIE... AND I WILL!



EEEEEEEE!



HEARING THE BLOOD-CURDLING SCREAM, JOHN AND THE OTHERS RUSHED IN, BUT...

STAY OUT OF HERE! YOU CAN'T HELP HER NOW... SHE'S DEAD!

AND HOW HORRIBLY DEAD! YET I SEE... HER FACE... SOMETHING IS TERRIBLY WRONG IN THIS HOUSE!



THIS IS A CASE FOR THE POLICE BUT THERE'S NO PHONE AND I WON'T LEAVE THE REST OF YOU ALONE! WE'LL JUST HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL MORNING!

OH, JOHN! YOU SAY SHE KILLED HERSELF! POOR DEAR LITTLE PEARL!



A HALF HOUR LATER, ELVIRA CHOOSES HER SECOND VICTIM...

RUBY, DON'T YOU SEE? PEARL DIED BECAUSE OF JOHN! THE POWERS OF DARKNESS HAVE CHOSEN HIM, AND IT'S DEATH TO ANY WOMAN WHO...

NONSENSE! NEITHER PEARL'S DEATH, NOR YOUR GHOST STORIES WILL SCARE ME AWAY FROM JOHN! DON'T THINK I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU STARING AT HIM!



BUT HE'S BEEN DOING A LITTLE STARING OF HIS OWN... AT ME... I'M GOING TO CHANGE INTO THIS DRESS! WATCH HIS EYES POP!

HE'LL NEVER SEE YOU AGAIN... ALIVE! AND AS FOR THAT BODY YOU'RE SO PROUD OF...



POWERS OF EVIL, DO MY WILL... SEND THY CREATURES TO THE KILL! YOU WHO FLY, AND CREEP AND CRAWL... COME YE ONE, AND COME YE ALL!



WAIT TILL JOHN SEES ME IN... GOOD HEAVENS!

BZZZ



GET AWAY FROM ME! HELP! PLEASE... HELP!





And
FIFTEEN
MINUTES
LATER...

IT'S TOO AWFUL,
JOHN... DID YOU
SEE HER? SHE WAS
EATEN ALIVE!

EASY, MARY! LISTEN... THERE'S SOMETHING
HAPPENING HERE I CAN'T COPE WITH! I'M
GOING OUT TO THE HIGHWAY AND SEE IF I
CAN FLAG SOMEONE TO SEND FOR HELP!
I'LL ONLY BE A FEW MINUTES!

A FEW MINUTES
WILL BE ENOUGH!



NO USE TALKING
TO HER... SHE
LOVES HIM AND
HE LOVES HER...
BUT SHE WON'T
HAVE HIM! THE
BRAINY ONE... THE
SENSIBLE ONE, IS
SHE? WELL, WE'LL
SEE JUST HOW
BRAINY SHE
CAN BE!

HURRY,
JOHN!

And A FEW
MOMENTS
LATER AS
MARY SAT
HUDDLED
ALONE IN
THE LIVING
ROOM...

STRANGE! I SEEM TO BE DEVELOPING A
TERRIBLE HEADACHE AND I NEVER HAVE THEM!
IT'S WORSE! OH, HOW IT POUNDS!



OHHH! MY HEAD IS BURSTING! I CAN'T STAND IT! IT'S AS IF MY BRAIN WERE GROWING BIGGER AND BIGGER!

MARY! I THOUGHT OF SOMETHING AND CAME RIGHT BACK... MARY... WHAT IS IT?

MY HEAD! IT'S SPLITTING!

MARY, LISTEN! SUDDENLY I REALIZED THAT EVERY TIME ONE OF THOSE HORRIBLE THINGS HAPPENED, ELVIRA WAS MISSING! PERHAPS SHE... MARY! YOU MUST THINK! WHERE IS SHE NOW?

I THINK... SHE WENT DOWN THE PASSAGE...

COME ON! WE HAVE TO FIND HER BEFORE YOU...

JOHN AND MARY RACED INTO THE DARK PASSAGEWAY! SUDDENLY JOHN STOPPED...

WAIT! I HEAR HER VOICE! SHE'S IN BACK OF THIS... IT MUST BE A SECRET PANEL!

NO TIME TO FIND OUT HOW IT WORKS... I'LL HAVE TO BREAK IT IN!

OHHH... PLEASE HURRY!

And WITH A CRASH...!

ELVIRA! STOP WHAT YOU ARE DOING TO MARY, OR I'LL...

SO, YOU FOUND ME! BUT IT ONLY MEANS SHE WILL DIE SOONER! KILL HER, ALL POWERFUL FLAME!

THE FLAME! IT'S COMING RIGHT AT ME!

NO, LOOK! IT'S TURNING BACK TOWARD ELVIRA!

KILL THE EVIL ONE... THE MOST EVIL WOMAN THOU HAST EVER SEEN! KILL... NO! WAIT!

NOT ME! NO...NOT AAGGHH!

OH... HOW HORRIBLE!

SHE SAID, "KILL THE EVIL ONE" AND IT DID!

AND THE MOMENT SHE DIED, MY PAIN WAS GONE! I... I DON'T UNDERSTAND, JOHN!

WE'LL NEVER UNDERSTAND, MARY! LET'S JUST LEAVE THIS PLACE, BOTH OF US... AND NEVER COME BACK!

YES, JOHN, WE'LL LEAVE TOGETHER... AND WE'LL BE TOGETHER, FROM NOW ON!

the
END



IT'S BEEN SO LONELY HERE,
MY DEAR! BUT NOW... THAT'S
ALL OVER !!

NO, ANNA!
NO!

ANNA MORD HAD A STRANGE HABIT OF EATING RAW MEAT! AND ALL WOULD HAVE GONE WELL FOR CARL MORENO IF HE HADN'T BECOME GREEDY! BUT ANNA WAS A DURABLE CREATURE! SHE'D RATHER DIE THAN GIVE UP HER SWEETHEART!

THE OLD GHOUL

CARL WAS A PECULIAR CUSS! HE WANTED COMPLETE SILENCE WHEN HE WORKED! AND HE GOT IT... BECAUSE HE WAS A MORTICIAN, A GOOD ONE, TOO... BUT HE WAS ALSO VERY HANDSOME...

DON'T KNOW WHY
I KILL MYSELF
WITH THESE STIFFS
DAY IN AND DAY
OUT. I CAN DO
OTHER WORK
JUST AS
WELL!



I'VE GOT GOOD LOOKS AND
IT SHOULD BE EASY TO GET
THAT OLD MONSTER TO FALL
FOR ME! UGGH... I HATE
EVEN TO THINK ABOUT
HER!



BUT I **MUST** THINK ABOUT HER! A FEW WEEKS MORE AND I'LL HAVE HER UNDER MY CONTROL! SHE'S RICH AND SO VERY OLD! SHE CAN'T LIVE MUCH LONGER!



IF ANYONE FOUND OUT THE 'GIFTS' I BRING HER EVERY NIGHT, I'D BE RUINED! BUT SHE'S WILD ABOUT THEM! REMINDS ME OF A HUNGRY SPIDER! UGGGH!



SO INTO THE VERY LARGE, ORNATE MANSION OF THE SPIDER, STEPPED THE FLY...

GOOD EVENING, DARLING! DO YOU HAVE IT?

Y-YES...HERE IT IS, ANNA... **DEAR!**



Y-YOU DON'T LOVE ME! SOB... SOB!

I'M SORRY ANNA! OF COURSE I DO! I'M JUST A BIT TIRED! IT'S MY WORK YOU KNOW... KEEPS ME ON EDGE ALL THE TIME...

UGGHH!



YOU'RE SO GOOD TO ME! YOU KNOW I JUST LOVE TO CHEW ON THIS TYPE OF MEAT! HERE... I'LL GIVE YOU A KISS FOR IT.

NO! GET AWAY! DON'T TOUCH ME!



YES, CARL DEAR! YOU WERE SO SWEET TO BRING ME THIS 'GIFT'... I KNOW YOU LOVE ME! THAT'S WHY I'VE INSTRUCTED MY ATTORNEY TO MAKE YOU MY HEIR! OH... WE'LL BE SO HAPPY WHEN WE'RE **MARRIED!**

Y-YES...I'M SURE WE WILL!



CARL LOVED MONEY... YOU SEE... BUT HE ALSO LOVED SOMEONE ELSE. LATER THAT NIGHT...

CARL, DEAREST! HOW DID IT GO TODAY?

NOT SO GOOD, I'M AFRAID SHE'S DETERMINED TO MARRY ME!

HONEY... HONEY... WHEN I THINK OF YOU IN THE ARMS OF THAT... THAT **GHOU!**... I TREMBLE ALL OVER!

LINDA...
BABY...
LINDA...



... MAYBE THERE IS... JUST MAYBE! YES, I'VE FOUND A WAY! WE'RE THE ONLY ONES WHO KNOW SHE LOVES TO EAT HUMAN FLESH! NOW I'LL SEE TO IT SHE EATS HERSELF INTO A NICE, COOL GRAVE!

I CAN'T WAIT, CARL! I SIMPLY CAN'T WAIT!

IT'S NO USE, I-- I CAN'T GO ON WITH IT! I FEEL LIKE THROWING UP WHEN SHE'S EVEN FIVE FEET FROM ME! MONEY... OR NOT... I JUST CAN'T!

THERE **MUST** BE A WAY TO GET HER MONEY... IF ONLY...



THE NEXT NIGHT, HE PUT HIS PLAN TO WORK...

THAT YOU, DEAR? I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU!

YES, ANNA! AND I'VE SOMETHING **SPECIAL** FOR YOU TONIGHT... A HEART IN PRIME CONDITION!

WE'LL HAVE ALL WE WANT AFTER SHE'S DEAD! WE'LL BE RICH... LIVE IN HER HOUSE AND TAKE OVER EVERYTHING! WHY DIDN'T I GET THIS IDEA BEFORE?



YOU DEAR BOY! YOU'RE SPOILING ME! I'LL JUST CLEAN THIS A BIT! CHOMP... CHOMP... WE'LL HAVE SOME TEA AFTERWARDS!

MY GOD! I CAN'T LOOK AT HER!



MY, THAT WAS GOOD! GOOD... FUNNY I SHOULD FEEL SO SLEEPY... CAN HARDLY KEEP MY EYES OPEN...



I'M CHOKING! AGGH! THIS PAIN... THROAT IS ON FIRE! WHAT... HAVE YOU... DONE... TO ME?

I'VE POISONED YOU... YOU REPULSIVE OLD TOAD! YOU'RE GOING TO DIE!

N-NO! YOU... WOULDN'T... YOU SAID... YOU LOVED ME... ARRGH!

HA, HA... GOOD RIDDANCE... THEY'LL NEVER FIND OUT HOW YOU DIED! THE POISON LEAVES NO TRACES!



SO ANNA MORD DIED AND NO ONE SUSPECTED MURDER! AS CARL MORENO PREDICTED, THE ENTIRE JACKPOT BECAME HIS...

AND SINCE CARL WAS A MORTICIAN, IT WAS LOGICAL ANNA WOULD BE SUITABLY EMBALMED AND PLACED IN HER COFFIN...

...I LEAVE MY ENTIRE ESTATE TO MY DEAR FRIEND AND FUTURE HUSBAND CARL MORENO... SIGNED, ANNA MORD!

THANK YOU, DEAR ANNA! YOU WERE A GENEROUS SPIDER!

MY! MY! YOU LOOK BETTER DEAD THAN YOU EVER DID ALIVE! WELL... GOODBYE ANNA! I'M GLAD I'LL NEVER SEE YOUR UGLY FACE AGAIN!





SO CARL AND LINDA WERE MARRIED, PROMISING TO LIVE AND LOVE FOR ONLY FOR EACH OTHER...

...AND IN THE PRIVACY OF THEIR BRIDAL ROOM IN THE OLD MANSION, NOW RIGHTFULLY THEIRS...



WITH A BOUND, CARL MORENO WAS AT THE DOOR AND INTO THE HALLWAY... TWENTY MINUTES LATER HE HAD FOUND NOTHING...

I'M JUMPY... AND I'M LETTING MY IMAGINATION PLAY TRICKS ON ME! I THOUGHT THAT SOUND CAME FROM THE... NO! IT'S TOO FANTASTIC.

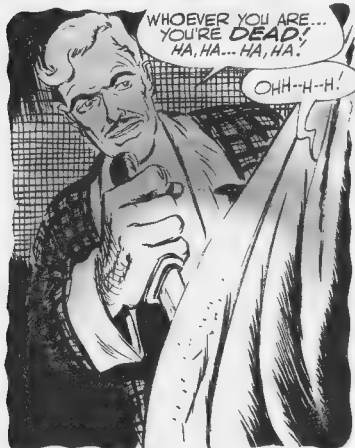
SO HE RE-ENTERED HIS BRIDAL ROOM...

DID YOU HEAR ANYTHING, DEAREST?

NO, SWEETHEART! SHOULD I HAVE HAD?

OF COURSE NOT! GUESS IT WAS JUST THE WIND! THESE OLD HOUSES SQUEAK!

SOMETHING'S MOVING BEHIND THOSE DRAPES! WELL, IT'S NOT GOING TO MOVE ANY MORE!



IT'S ME DEAR BOY! I PLAYED A LITTLE JOKE ON YOU! JUST AS A SURPRISE! HEE, HEE.

I-I KILLED HER! I KILLED MY LOVELY WIFE!

YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE LEFT YOUR DOOR OPEN SO SO CONVENIENTLY!... AND NOW MY DARLING... IT'S BEEN AGES SINCE I'VE TASTED SWEET WARM FLESH! AND I'VE BEEN SO LONELY!



PROF. CASPER SKEETER WANTED A GIRL THAT WOULD LOVE HIM ONLY... HE DECIDED TO BUILD ONE... BUT HE FORGOT ONE THING... A STEEL ROBOT KISSES YOU LIKE A...

MECHANICAL MONSTER

I'M GOING TO KISS YOU, PROFESSOR! AFTER ALL YOU MADE ME FOR YOURSELF! DON'T YOU LIKE ME?

IT BEGINS IN A CHEAP, SMOKY TAVERN ON THE WATERFRONT... THERE'S NOTHING UNUSUAL ABOUT IT... TOUGH GUYS... TOUGH GALS...

C'MERE, BABY!

G'WAN! DROP DEAD!

HA-HA! FILL'ER UP AGAIN, CHARLIE!

BUT THE DIFFERENCE IS PROF. CASPER SKEETER... A FRUSTRATED LOVER... A FUNNY LITTLE MAN IN A FUNNY LITTLE SUIT...





YES, A FUNNY, LITTLE MAN, BUT NOT WHEN HE'S INSIDE HIS LABORATORY...

LAUGH AT ME, WILL THEY? ALL RIGHT... THEN I'LL JUST LEAVE RITA WITH FULL-STRENGTH IN HER ORAL MUSCLES!

LET ME SEE NOW... I'LL CHANGE THIS CRANIUM WIRE TO THE CENTER CORTEX... AND SWITCH AROUND THE TRANSMITTER A BIT!!

TWO HOURS LATER...

OOOHH! I FEEL SO SLEEPY!

MY WORD! IT MOVES! I'VE DONE IT!

OF COURSE, YOU IDIOT! WHAT DID YOU EXPECT? YOU'VE BEEN WORKING ON ME LONG ENOUGH! I'M THE ONLY GIRL WHO LOVES YOU... KISS ME, LOVER!

UH-NOT YET, MY DEAR...

HEAVENS... WHERE IS THE CONTROL BOX?

BUT I INSIST! YOU MADE ME FOR LOVE! I NEED KISSES! I CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT THEM!

...GOT IT! A-AND I CAN'T LIVE WITH THEM! SHE'LL CRUSH ME TO DEATH!

BUT YOU'RE NOT EXPERIENCED YET!

EXPERIENCE? DO I NEED IT TO KISS YOU?

YES! OF COURSE YOU DO! YOU MUST LEARN HOW TO KISS! GO TO THE TAVERN ON THE WATERFRONT AND FIND THE BIGGEST, BRAVNIEST MAN THERE... GO!

BUZZ

ALL RIGHT, MY DARLING! BUT I'LL BE BACK! I LOVE YOU!!

WHEW! I-I'VE CREATED A FEMALE MONSTER!

GOOD THING THE ELECTRIC REGULATOR CONTROLS HER! I HATE TO THINK WHAT'D HAPPEN IF IT DIDN'T! I PITY THOSE GUYS AT THE TAVERN! THEY'LL LEARN NOW!!

THIS IS GOING TO BE A VERY UNLUCKY NIGHT FOR THESE TAVERN CUSTOMERS, FOR THROUGH THE SWINGING DOORS COMES...

WHEW!

WOW! WHAT A GORGEOUS DISH!

I WANT YOU!
YOU'RE THE TALLEST, STRONGEST, MOST MUSCULAR MAN HERE!

YOU NUTS, SISTER? BEAT IT! SCRAM!

POW

SHALL WE GO, HANDSOME... OR DO I KISS YOU HERE?

YOU TALKED ME INTO IT, BABY! I LIKE STRONG GALS LIKE YOU! SO LONG, CHUMS... WE'RE GONNA HAVE US A BALL!

CRASH

AND INTO THE DINGY DEN OF THIS MUSCLE-BOUND WATERFRONT ROMEO GOES OUR LITTLE GIRL... EAGER AND EXCITED... SO LOVELY, SO DEADLY...

WANNA DRINK, SUGAR?

NO, LOVER BOY! I JUST WANT TO KISS YOU AND KISS YOU!

THEN, WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR? BOY! WHAT A BREAK!

HERE WE GO, SWEETHEART!

BABY--BABY... YOU SURE KNOW HOW TO KISS! LET ME UP FOR AIR! I'LL GLUB!

BUT, I THOUGHT YOU WANTED TO KISS ME...

Y-YEAH... BUT GIVE ME AIR!... LET ME GO! UGH-H- GLUB!!

STRONG ARMS WRAP THEMSELVES AROUND HUMAN FLESH... QUIVERING, IRON-FIRM LIPS CLAMP DOWN ON FLUSHED FEATURES AND TREMBLING LITTLE BREATHS EMERGE WITH RAPTURE DIVINE...

KISS ME

KISS ME

MMMM

YOU LOOK SO PRETTY WHEN YOU'RE PURPLE, PRECIOUS... BUT WHY DON'T YOU MOVE??

ALAS, POOR RITA... YOUR LOVER WON'T BE ABLE TO ANSWER YOU! BUT THERE'S NO USE WAITING FOR HIM TO BREATHE AGAIN! THE BEST THING TO DO IS FIND ANOTHER...

WHAT'S YOUR RUSH, HONEY? HOW'S ABOUT A LITTLE KISS?

WHY NOT!

MUMM GAGAGGG



INTO THE CELLAR FURNACE OUR LITTLE RITA GOES... AND AS CASPER PREPARES TO TURN ON THE HEAT MOMENTS LATER...

THUMP
THUMP

F-FOOTSTEPS--
COMING F-FROM THE
CELLAR...
LOUDER!!

YOU!

W-WHAT
WAS
THAT?

HELLO,
LOVER!

THUMP THUMP

DON'T BE
FRIGHTENED, MY
DEAR! I'M NOT AS GOOD
LOOKING AS BEFORE, OF
COURSE, BUT STILL I

LOVE YOU!
I JUST COULDN'T
GO BACK TO SLEEP
WITHOUT FIRST
KISSING
YOU!

N-NOW, RITA!
Y-YOU BE A GOOD
GIRL! I DON'T
LIKE TO KISS!

THAT ISN'T
WHAT YOU SAID
WHEN YOU FIRST
STARTED TO CON-
STRUCT ME, DEAR!
I KNOW BECAUSE
MY LITTLE BRAIN
WAS LISTENING
WHEN YOU
RIVETED ME
INTO SHAPE!

N-NO, RITA!!
D-DON'T TOUCH ME!
W-WHAT ARE YOU
GOING TO DO?
N-NO!!

KISS
ME!

YAAAAAAA

YOU CAN THEREFOR PRESUME, DEAR READER, THAT PROFESSOR CASPER SKEETER GOT THE KISS OF HIS LIFE... SO IF YOU SHOULD HAPPEN TO HEAR A STRANGE CLANKING NOISE BEHIND YOU ONE DARK NIGHT, DON'T TRY TO RUN AWAY... YOU WON'T GET FAR... IT'S ONLY OUR SWEET, DEAR RITA JUST TRYING TO TOUCH YOUR LIPS WITH THE... **KISS OF DEATH!!**

THE FAR-AWAY LITTLE ISLANDS OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC, THROBBING WITH THE BEAT OF MIDNIGHT DRUMS, AND SCREAMING WITH THE UNKNOWN OF THE JUNGLE NIGHT, KEEP THEIR **BLACK SECRETS** WELL, BUT SOMETIMES THE **HORROR** IS TOO GREAT TO KEEP FROM THE EARS OF OTHER LANDS, FOR **TALES OF TERROR** TRAVEL LIKE **PHANTOMS** IN A STORM-TORTURED NIGHT, AND YOU CAN HEAR THE WAIL OF...

ZOMBIES



IT LIVES! THE DEAD ONE LIVES!

NO...NO! DEATH HAS CLAIMED YOU, MABU! THIS CANNOT BE!

HEH-HEH-HEH! MABU IS NO NATURAL MAN! HE IS TOO EVIL FOR THE FIENDS OF DEATH! THEY HAVE CAST HIM BACK FROM THE ETERNAL BLACKNESS!

YES, I REMEMBER THE WILD NIGHT MABU WAS CURSED. I, THE ANCIENT ONE, KNOW WHEN THEIR VOICES ARE IN THE WIND, FOR THEY ARE MY FRIENDS...

HUSH, LITTLE ONE! THE ANCIENT ONE IS MAD...HUSH...

IF SHE HAS HURT OUR LITTLE MABU, I'LL...

AWAY, FRIEND OF SLIME! YOU ARE SCARING MY BABY! AWAY, I SAY!

HEH-HEH-HEH! SEE! SEE! HE IS MARKED! THE FIENDS HAVE MARKED HIM!

WAAAAA!
WAAAAA!

HOW HE SHALL MAKE THE WORLD SQUIRM, THA LITTLE ONE! I KNOW! HEE-HEEEEE!

HOW HE SHALL MAKE THE WORLD SQUIRM, THA LITTLE ONE! I KNOW! HEE-HEEEEE!



THE WORLD TURNED IN SPACE MANY TIMES AS MABU GREW! BUT HE WAS TOUCHED BY EVIL! AND IN HIS BRAIN A SLOW POISON MADE HIM DO EVIL THINGS!



MABU, YOU SON OF SATAN, WHAT POSSESSES YOU TO DO THAT? YOUR FATHER SHALL HEAR ABOUT THIS!

FOOL! THE BOY IS POSSESSED! BUT THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING!

GATA-A-WWK!

WHY DO YOU LASH HIM? HE DOES WHAT YOU ORDER HIM!

AEEEEEE!

QUIET! I'LL GIVE YOU SOMETHING TO SING ABOUT: I'LL LASH WHOM I PLEASE... WHENEVER THE SPIRIT MOVES ME TO LASH!



MY SON, I SAW WHAT YOU DID TO KEELA! WHAT HAS GOT INTO YOU TO MAKE YOU DO SUCH CRUELTY? NOW GIVE ME THAT WHIP!

SOME-TIMES I LOSE MY HEAD, FATHER! I DON'T KNOW WHY! I JUST WANTED THEM TO BUILD ME A PLAY HOUSE...

HOW IS YOUR BACK, KEELA?

IT BURNS LIKE THE WOUND OF A POISON SNAKE! HOW LONG SHALL WE STAND HIS BULLYING?



MABU! I WARN YOU! LOOLA IS MY BETROTHED! YOU HAVE NO RIGHT HERE! IT IS ALL ARRANGED BETWEEN OUR FAMILIES! BEFORE OR THERE WILL BE GREAT TROUBLE!

AH-IT IS MY OLD PLAYMATE KEELA! SILENCE WEAK ONE! IT IS I WHO WILL CLAIM LOOLA!

FOR MANY YEARS YOU HAVE BROUGHT PAIN AND MISERY TO THE CREATURES OF THE WORLD! BUT ONLY OVER MY DEAD BODY WILL YOU BRING PAIN TO LOOLA!

YOU CHALLENGE ME, SON OF AN APE! YOU CHALLENGE MABU?

ALL RIGHT, I ACCEPT YOUR CHALLENGE, FOOL! TONIGHT I WILL WET THE EARTH WITH YOUR BLOOD!

AWAY AND PRAY TO YOUR FIENDS FOR HELP! I HAVE LONG WISHED TO RID OUR ISLAND OF YOUR PRESENCE! TONIGHT YOU DIE!

THE FIENDS WATCH OVER MABU! DEATH SHALL COME THIS NIGHT!



YOU BOTH KNOW THE RULES! ONLY THE DAGGER AND THE SHIELD, AND THE FIGHT CONTINUES UNTIL EITHER ONE YIELDS OR DIES! READY?

KEELA MUST WIN--HE IS HONORABLE! MABU HAD NO RIGHT TO GO TO THE HUT OF LOOLA! NOW MABU WILL PAY FOR HIS PAST WICKEDNESS! **KEELA...**

PREPARE TO DIE, KEELA-- LOWER THAN THE SNAKE'S BELLY! THIS IS YOUR FUNERAL DAY!

LESS TALK AND MORE FIGHT! YOUR TONGUE IS SHARPER THAN YOUR KNIFE!



HERE--TAKE THIS!

YOU ARE OVER-ANXIOUS TO KILL MABU!

TERROR FLASHED FROM MABU'S EYES AS THE POINT OF KEELA'S KNIFE INCHED TOWARD HIS THROAT...

YOU... ARE... DONE... MABU! I GIVE YOU ONE CHANCE...TO...YIELD!

I--I-- YIELD TO YOU, KEELA...



OH, KEELA, I WAS SO FRIGHTENED FOR YOU...

I ALWAYS KNEW HE WAS A BULLY--AFRAID OF DEATH...

WHAT WILL YOU DO NOW, MABU? YOU ARE **DISGRACED** IN THE EYES OF THE PEOPLE AND--HUH?

GIVE ME THAT STICK, OLD WOMAN! A MAN NEED A **STICK** RATHER THAN A **KNIFE** TO KILL A SNAKE!



KEELA
LOOK
OUT!

NO ONE LIVES
TO GLOAT OVER
MABU!

UH...

AFTER MABU
MURDERED
KEELA, HE RAN
LIKE A HUNTED
ANIMAL TO
ESCAPE THE
FURY OF THE
VILLAGERS!
HE RAN INTO
THE DARK
JUNGLE AND
AS I KNEW
HE WOULD,
TO MY CAVE--
FOR ALL THE
WORLD KNOWS,
THAT **EVIL**
ATTRACTS
EVIL...

GASP... I THINK
I'VE LOST THEM...
BUT-- OH! OLD
WOMAN-- WHAT
ARE YOU DOING
HERE?

THIS IS MY HOME,
MABU... I WAS THERE
WHEN THE FIENDS
MARKED YOU... AND
NOW YOU HAVE
COME TO THE RIGHT
PLACE! SIT-- THEY
WILL NOT SEEK YOU
HERE.



WHAT DO YOU MEAN
BY SAYING THE **FIENDS**
MARKED ME? HOW? I
WISH I HAD THE POWER
TO BEND THE VILLAGERS
UNDER MY WILL! I
WOULD MAKE THEM
ALL SWEAT AND
SQUIRM!

YOU HAVE THE POWER
MABU, WITH MY HELP,
TOGETHER WE CAN
MASTER THE TRIBE!
SEE? **THEY** WILL
HELP! YOUR WORDS
ARE **POWER!**
SPEAK YOUR WILL!

OH H H H H H
EIEIEEIIH!

HEAR HIM, **BLACK**
AVENGERS! HE COM-
MANDS AND YOU MUST
OBEY THE MARKED ONE!
PLAGUE THE VILLAGERS!
GO FORTH AND
SPREAD DEATH!



I? I HAVE THE POWER,
ANCIENT ONE? THEN, I
WISH TO BECOME
KING OF THE SWINE!
I WISH TO DO THEM
EVIL!



SEVERAL
DAYS WENT
BY WHILE
MABU HID
IN THE CAVE!
DURING THE
NIGHTS, THE
WIND WHINED
LIKE A
STRICKEN
ANIMAL, AND
THE JUNGLE
WHISPERED
OF A STRANGE,
STALKING
DEATH! THEN...

LOOK,
OLD ONE...
THERE IS
GREAT
MISERY
HERE!

YES-- IT IS THE PLAGUE!
THEY FEAR YOU NOW,
MABU! I HAVE NOT
SEEN SO MANY ILL
SINCE BEFORE YOU
WERE BORN! THE
FIENDS PROTECT
YOU!

IT IS YOU,
MABU!
YOU AND
THE
ANCIENT
ONE THAT
BROUGHT
THIS **CURSE**
ON US!

SHOW
HIM
YOUR
POWER,
MABU!

FIENDS THAT ARE MY
PROTECTORS! **HEAR**
ME! **STOP** THE
WORDS IN HIS
THROAT!

AHHGG!
IT IS THE
PLAGUE--
THE PLA--
ARRGGH!



ACKNOWLEDGE ME YOUR
NEW KING AND I WILL **LIFT**
THIS MISERY FROM YOU.
OTHERWISE, YOU WILL
ALL **DIE!**

SAVE US,
MIGHTY
ONE--FRIEND
OF THE
**BLACK
SPIRITS...**

KING!
MAKE HIM
OUR KING!

HELP
US...HELP
US!

ANYTHING YOU
SAY, GREAT ONE!
BUT SAVE MY
CHILD!

SO MABU LIFTED THE CURSE ON THE
PEOPLE AND HE BECAME 'CHIEFTAN'. ALL
FEARED HIM AND OBEYED HIS EVERY
COMMAND, UNTIL...

ANCIENT ONE, I AM ILL...
THE PLAGUE HAS INFECTED
ME, TOO... THE WHOLE
WORLD SPINS...
OHOOOO...

NO... NO,
MABU--
GREAT
POWERS ARE
YOURS; YOU
MUST LIVE!

WELL, ANCIENT
ONE? IS IT TRUE?
IS MABU DEAD?

HE DOES NOT BREATHE!
HIS HEART IS STILL! YES,
HE HAS **DIED!** HIS
POWER WAS TOO GREAT!
IT HAS CRACKED
HIS HEART!

OH, THEY
COULDN'T
WAIT TO
POUR THE
EARTH ON
MABU! THERE
WAS NO
SADNESS
IN THE
HEARTS OF
THE MEN
WHO
CARRIED
HIM
TO THE
BURYING
GROUNDS...
AND NO
WOMAN
WEPT
FOR HIS
PASSING!
BUT
THEN...

THIS IS A
JOYOUS DAY! THE
TYRANT IS DEAD!

SOMETHING
MOVES
INSIDE!

LISTEN! DO
YOU HEAR
SOMETHING?

THERE IS
NO WIND
TONIGHT!

IT IS THE
WIND
IN THE TREE
TOPS!

THE MEN FLED FROM THE CASNET, AND THEN WITH
A CREAK, LIKE THE SPLITTING OF MEN'S BONES,
THE TOP OF THE COFFIN BEGAN TO RISE; I HAD
NEVER SEEN SUCH EVIL...

MABU! I HAVE
NEVER SEEN
SUCH A THING
AS THIS!
I AM YOUR
SLAVE!

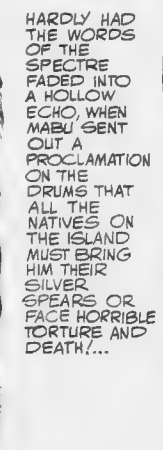
THE **EDGE OF DEATH** IS VERY
DARK! I HAVE BEEN WITH
THE **FIENDS**--AND GREAT
MISERY AND TORTURE AWAITS
ME AFTER **I AM DEAD!**
ANCIENT ONE, I MUST FIND A
WAY TO LIVE **FOREVER!**

LOOK...
MABU
RISES!

BUT THE **MARK
OF DEATH**
IS UPON HIM!
HE LOOKS SO
WHITE!

EEEEEEEE!





WHY DID YOU DISOBEY MY ORDERS? YOU KNOW I ORDERED **EVERY** SILVER SPEAR SENT TO ME! SPEAK QUICKLY!

HE-**R** ME, GREAT MABU THE SILVER SPEAR HAS BEEN IN MY FAMILY FOR GENERATIONS--HANDLED DOWN AS A SACRED TRUST FROM FATHER TO SON! I WOULD DO YOU NO HARM WITH IT!



YOU MUST LEARN TO OBEY-- AND NOW YOU MUST PAY FOR LYING! YOU WERE GOING TO KILL ME WITH THAT SILVER SPEAR! I **KNOW**...

NO, MABU... I **SWEAR**... NO... NO... **AHHHH!**



LISTEN TO THE SKY **ROAR**, ANCIENT ONE! BUT I FEAR NOTHING... NOTHING IN **THIS** WORLD! NOT ONE SILVER SPEAR EXISTS ON THE ISLAND-- AND I HAVE **FORBIDDEN** THE MAKING OF ANOTHER!

WE SHALL SEE, MABU... **HEE...HEE!**

BUT AS MABU GLOATED INTO THE DARK, STORMY SKY, THINKING THAT HE WAS NOW SECURE FROM DEATH, THERE WAS SUDDENLY A CRASH AS IF TWO MOUNTAINS HAD COLLIDED AND...



NO! DON'T DO IT! YOU ARE BURYING HIM **ALIVE**! HE IS NOT DEAD-- THE LIGHTNING ONLY **STUNNED** HIM!

WE DO NOT CARE, OLD ONE! THE SILVER SPEAR FROM THE SKY WAS THE VENGEANCE FROM THE GODS-- AND NOW WE MUST ACT!

KEEP HER QUIET OR SHE WILL JOIN MABU!

FINALLY, THE ROCK WAS IN PLACE, AND ONLY AN OLD WOMAN WAS LEFT TO WATCH AND HEAR...

ANCIENT ONE! HELP ME! I--I CAN'T BUDGE THE BOULDER! **OHOOO!** THE **FIENDS!** THEY **COME!** THEY COME TO CLAIM ME! NO... KEEP AWAY... **AHHHHHH!**

THE PROPHECY WAS RIGHT! I CANNOT HELP YOU NOW, MABU! THE SILVER SPEAR FROM THE SKY HAS BROUGHT YOU TO THE DOOR OF DEATH AS IT WAS FORETOLD! **HEE-HEE-HEE-HEE!**



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BLOOD BATH



COME ON, JOE... DON'T BE CHICKEN! IT'S REALLY AN ENLIGHTENING EXPERIENCE IT RELEASES YOUR SPIRITUAL IDENTITY AND YOU FLOAT ON A CLOUD OF LIGHT BRIGHTER THAN YOU'VE EVER SEEN IN YOUR LIFE.

ALL RIGHT, LARRY YOU'VE CONVINCED ME. IT'LL BE A CHANGE FROM THE USUAL SATURDAY NIGHT DRINKING BOUT WITH THE GANG.

AH, THAT'S GREAT, JOE... HERE'S THE ADDRESS AND THE PAD NUMBER. I'LL MEET YOU THERE AROUND EIGHT O'CLOCK TONIGHT!

STAY COOL, MAN!!

GOSH, I SURE HOPE I WON'T BE SORRY... I'VE HEARD AN AWFUL LOT OF STORIES ABOUT POSSIBLE BAD AFTER EFFECTS OF LSD!



THAT NIGHT...

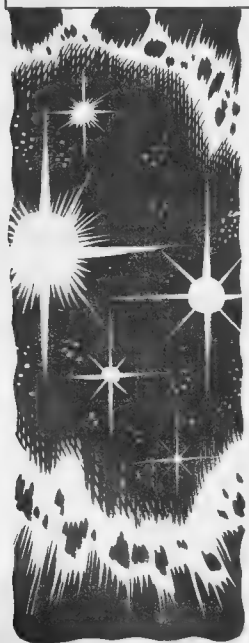


WE'RE LUCKY JOE... THE PAD ISN'T TOO CROWDED... LOOKS LIKE SOME OF THE KIDS ARE FLYING HIGH... AND SOME OF THEM ARE WELL ON THEIR TRIPS...

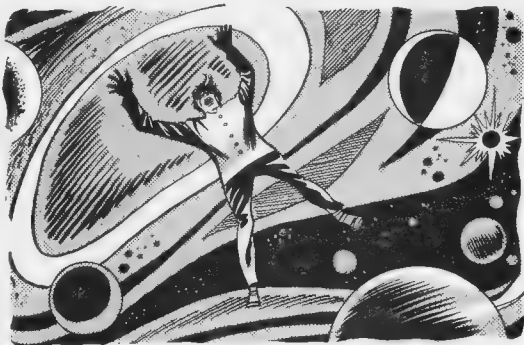
WELL, HERE THEY ARE, JOE... OUR TWO PASSES TO SPIRITUAL FREEDOM AND THE AWAKENING OF OUR CONSCIOUSNESS.



AFTER TAKING THE SUGAR CUBE JOE SAT IN A DARK CORNER OF THE ROOM... IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE THE WHOLE ROOM SEEMED TO BE EXPLODING WITH HOT FLASHES OF BRIGHT LIGHTS...



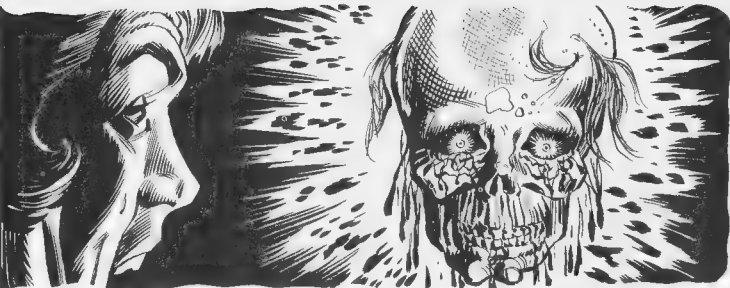
HE FELT AS TOUGH A GREAT WEIGHT WAS LIFTED FROM HIS BODY... HIS BRAIN WAS VIBRATING PULSATING AGAINST THE HARD SHELL LIKE INTERIOR OF HIS SKULL... HE FLOATED WEIGHTLESS AS THOUGH IN SPACE...



...HIS EYES ROLLED ABOUT IN THEIR SOCKETS UNTIL THEY SUDDENLY FELL UPON THE MINIATURE SKULL RESTING ON THE COFFEE TABLE... HE BEGAN TO MEDITATE UPON IT... AN ANGUI-SHED SCREAM ROSE FROM HIS THROAT AS BLOOD GUSHED FROM EVERY OPENING IN THE SKULL... THIS HE KNEW WAS GOING TO BE A BAD TRIP...



SHEAR HORROR
TORE AT EVERY
FIBRE OF HIS
WHOLE BEING AS
THE BLEEDING
SKULL BEGAN
WHAT SEEMED
TO BE
A TRANSITION...
IT WAS
TURNING
INTO
SOMETHING
ALMOST HUMAN...



THE TRANSITION CONTINUED
AS THE EERI THING BEGAN
TO FLOAT ABOUT THE ROOM...

...THE TRANSFORMATION
WAS COMPLETED...IT WAS
THE BATTERED BLOODY
HEAD OF A YOUNG GIRL...

HIS SUDDEN AGONIZING
SCREAM CAUSED THE MACABRE
HEAD TO DISAPPEAR IN A
SUDDEN BLOODY EXPLOSION...



...HIS BODY SHAKING WITH FEAR
AND EXHAUSTION, JOE FELL TO
HIS KNEES AS HE FELT THE WEIRD
SENSATION OF SINKING...

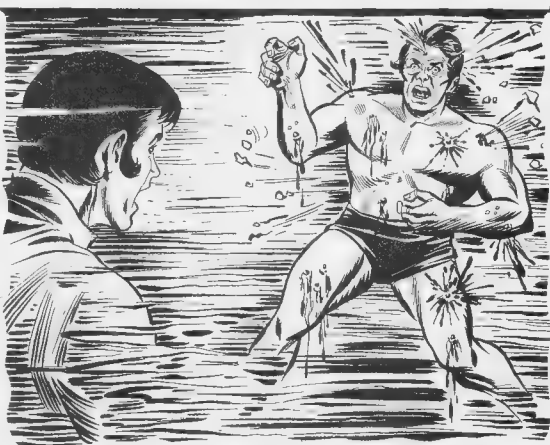
...SINKING IN WHAT SEEMED TO BE A STICKY,
RED POOL OF BLOOD...



...GASPING FOR AIR, JOE BEGAN
TO SINK IN THE HORRIBLE,
PASTY RED MUCK...



...A SUDDEN STACCATO OF GUN SHOTS AND THE
GRUESOME VISION OF A MAN BEING SHOT TO
PIECES BRING JOE OUT OF HIS BLOOD BATH ...



...THE AROMA OF SPENT GUNPOWDER
FILLED HIS NOSTRILS AS NAUSEA
AND WILD HYSTERIA GRIPED HIS
VERY BEING...HIS ANGUISHED
CRIES FOR RELEASE FROM
THIS INSANE, HALF WORLD
OF REALITY WENT
UNHEEDED
HE PLUNGED
DEEPER INTO
THE EDGE OF
BLACKNESS...



...ICE COLD METAL TINGLED
AGAINST THE FLESH OF HIS
RIGHT HAND AND A SUD-
DEN SHARP PAIN WENT
RACING THROUGH THE
NERVE CENTERS OF HIS
LEFT HAND...



...HIS AGONIZING SCREAM
REBOUNDED THROUGH
THE DARK CORRIDORS
OF HIS DRUG SOAKED
BRAIN AS HIS VISION
FOCUSED ON HIS...



...VERY OWN HAND NAILED
TO THE WALL...



HE SPUN DIZZILY...FEELING FAINT HE FELL TO THE FLOOR WITH THE STENCH OF DEATH IN HIS NOSTRILS...SLOWLY LIFE WAS EBBING FROM HIS SPASMODIC,ERRING BODY...



...WITHIN SECONDS THE FINAL, THICK VEIL OF BLACKNESS ENVELOPED HIS WHOLE BEING AS HE ENTERED OBLIVION...



MOMENTS LATER COMPLAINTS FROM NEIGHBORS BROUGHT THE POLICE TO THIS GROTESQUE, SPINE-CHILLING SCENE...

GREAT CEASER'S GHOST, WHAT IN THE WORLD HAPPENED HERE...IS LIKE A HUMAN BUTCHER SHOP...



FROM THE FEVERED BRAIN OF A MURDERER GREW AN IDEA THAT TURNED INTO AN ARMY OF HORROR! AN **UNBELIEVABLE FORM OF DEATH** WAS VISITED UPON THE EARTH...
BLACK TERROR KNOWN AS THE ...

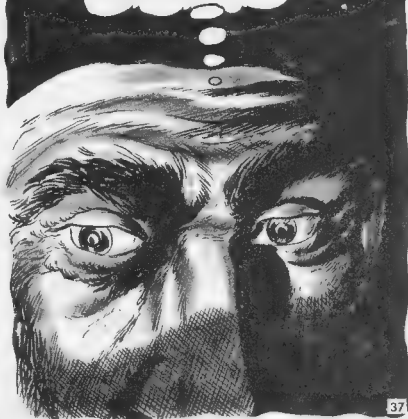
DEAD DUMMIES



BLAST IT, STEVENS, WE HIRED YOU HERE AT CRANE ENTERPRISES BECAUSE YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE THE BEST DUMMY DESIGNER IN THE COUNTRY! BUT YOU'RE A FLOP! NOT ONE OF THE MANNEQUINS LOOK LIFELIKE ENOUGH! THEY DON'T SELL!

I- I'LL TRY HARDER, MR. CRANE!

SO! THE OLD WALRUS DOESN'T THINK I CAN MAKE DUMMIES THAT ARE LIFELIKE ENOUGH, EH? I'LL SHOW HIM... I DON'T CARE WHAT **BLACK THING** I HAVE TO DO... I'LL SHOW HIM!



STEVENS HAD LONG BEEN WORKING IN HIS SECRET LABORATORY... AND NOW FINALLY HE THOUGHT HE HAD DISCOVERED THE SECRETS OF LIFE AND DEATH...

AHHH! IF THIS WORKS... HEE/HEE/I'LL SURPRISE MR. CRANE WITH A KIND OF MANNEQUIN HE'S NEVER SEEN/ HEE/HEE/ LIFELIKE, EH? WE'LL SOON SEE!



THERE'S NO USE IN STRUGGLING MY LITTLE FRIEND! IF THIS WORKS, YOU'LL NEVER MOVE AGAIN... BUT YOU'LL STILL BE ALIVE/ ALIVE AND LIFELIKE... BUT UNABLE TO MOVE! HEE! HEE! HEEHARRHAHA!



EEYAH! IT WORKED! SO YOU WERE GOING TO SPRING AT ME WHEN I LET YOU GO, EH? BUT YOU FROZE! FOREVER FROZEN INTO LIVING DEATH... HEEHAAHAHA!



THE NEXT MORNING, STEVENS HURRIED TO WORK, HIS MAD BRAIN INTENT ON CAPTURING A HUMAN VICTIM FOR HIS UNHOLY EXPERIMENTS...

HA! THERE IS ONE OF THE CUSTOMERS WHO COMPLAINED THAT SHE DIDN'T LIKE THE LAST SHIPMENT OF MANNEQUIN I DESIGNED! HEE/HEE/ IF I CAN GET HER ALONE IN THE STORE ROOM... SHE WILL BE MY FIRST HUMAN LIVING CORPSE!



EXCUSE ME, MA'AM... I NOTICED YOU WAITING FOR YOUR ORDER... WOULD YOU PLEASE STEP INTO THE STORE-ROOM WITH ME... THERE SEEMS TO BE A MIXUP CONCERNING THE MANNEQUINS YOU BOUGHT!



I DON'T SEE ANY OF THE DUMMIES I ORDERED! THERE'S SOME MISTAKE! WHY DID YOU BRING ME HERE?



THIS IS WHY I BROUGHT YOU HERE... YOU ARE GOING TO BE THE FIRST OF MY MASTER-PIECES! HAHHA! HEE! HAH!



SO-O-O YOU DIDN'T LIKE THE LAST BATCH OF DUMMIES I DESIGNED, EH? JUST WAIT UNTIL YOU GRACE SOME STORE WINDOW... THE WORLD WILL HAIL ME AS A GENIUS! BUT BEFORE I CAN SELL YOU, I MUST MAKE MORE ZOMBIES! HEE! HEE!



FOR A WEEK STEVENS WENT ON A RAMPAGE OF DEATH... UNTIL FINALLY HE HAD MADE A ROOMFUL OF CREATURES OF TERROR!

FINALLY! NOW, MY BEAUTIES, TO SHOW YOU TO MR. CRANE! AH, HOW YOUR EYES GLEAM HATRED FOR ME! BUT YOU CAN DO NOTHING... YOU ARE DOOMED TO A DEATHLESS ETERNITY OF FROZEN LIFE!



NOW TO REPLACE THE REAL DUMMIES WITH YOU, MY PETS! AND TOMORROW MORNING, WHEN MR. CRANE SEES YOU... HAH! I WILL BE RICH! FAMOUS!



...AND I WOULD LIKE TO ARRANGE THESE NEW MANNEQUINS I DESIGNED IN A SCENE FROM ONE OF THE RECENT BEST-SELLER MURDER MYSTERIES! THE WINDOW WITH THESE DUMMIES WILL ATTRACT DOZENS OF CUSTOMERS!

ANYTHING YOU SAY, MY BOY! I STILL DON'T KNOW HOW YOU EVER MADE SUCH LIFELIKE MANNEQUINS!



NO SOONER SAID THAN DONE! ...NOW TO ADD A FEW MORE FINISHING TOUCHES AND I CAN DISPLAY MY MASTERPIECES TO THE WORLD!



NOW YOUR EYES **GLARE MURDER**, MY PETS! THOSE FOOLS OUT THERE THINK THIS IS JUST MAKE-BELIEVE... NOW! EVERYTHING IS PERFECT! NOW TO RIP OFF THE SIGN AND LET THEM SEE YOU!



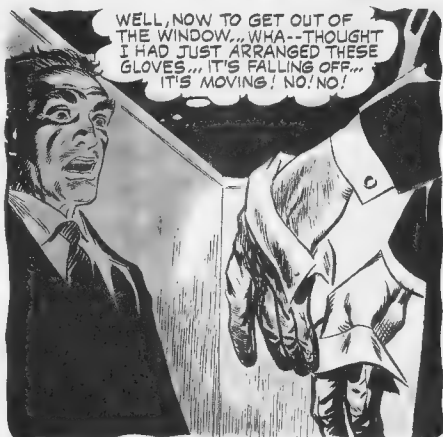
THERE! FEAST YOUR EYES ON THE MOST UNBELIEVABLE MANNEQUINS IN THE WORLD!

OOH! THEY LOOK LIKE REAL PEOPLE!

EVEN THEIR EYES SEEM REAL!



WELL, NOW TO GET OUT OF THE WINDOW... WHA--THOUGHT I HAD JUST ARRANGED THESE GLOVES... IT'S FALLING OFF... IT'S MOVING! NO! NO!



HELP! HELP! NO! THE PEOPLE THINK IT'S PART OF THE ACT! HELP! I'M **STRANGLING**... I'M STRANGLING... RRUGHUUH!

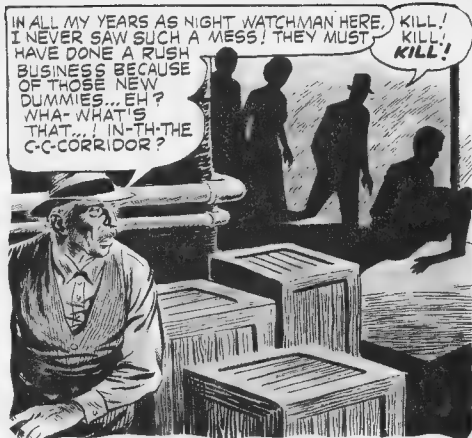
OH, LOOK! ONE OF THE DUMMIES IS WIRED SO IT CAN MOVE ITS ARM... AND THE MAN IS **PRETENDING TO STRANGLE!**

WHAT A MASTERPIECE OF SHOWMANSHIP!



ALL THROUGH THE DAY STEVENS LAY DEAD... AND ONLOOKERS WHO CAME LATER THOUGHT HE WAS JUST ANOTHER DUMMY IN THE WINDOW! THOSE WHO HAD SEEN THE ACT DID NOT REALIZE THE SCENE OF VENGEANCE THEY HAD WITNESSED! AND NIGHT SETTLED BLACKLY...





AFTER THEIR MIDNIGHT DEED, THE MANNEQUINS RESUMED THEIR PLACES AS IF THEY HAD NEVER MOVED. AND IN THE DARK DEPTHS OF THE STORE THEY LEFT A SHAKEN LITTLE MAN WHO SHUDDERED WITH UNSPEAKABLE DREAD...



BUT WHEN THE WATCHMAN TRIED TO TELL HIS STORY THE NEXT DAY...

P. PLEASE, MR. CRANE! PLEASE! Y-YA GOTTA BELIEVE ME! I SAW IT WITH MY OWN EYES! THEY **MOVED!**

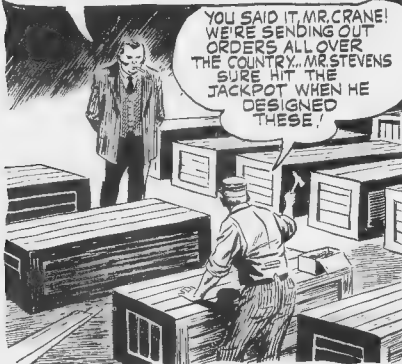
SURE, SURE, WILLIE AND STEVENS IN THE

ELEVATOR SHAFT. SURE, I KNOW ALL ABOUT IT! NOW, I THINK YOU NEED A GOOD LONG VACATION!



WELL, JOHNNY, WE'LL REALLY BE KEEPING YOU BOYS IN THE SHIPPING ROOM BUSY WITH ALL THESE ORDERS! I'VE NEVER SOLD SO MANY DUMMIES IN MY LIFE!

YOU SAID IT, MR. CRANE! WE'RE SENDING OUT ORDERS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY... MR. STEVENS SURE HIT THE JACKPOT WHEN HE DESIGNED THESE!



...BUT STRANGE AS THEY ARE, WE'RE SELLING ALL WE HAVE! WHAT A DEMAND THERE IS FOR THEM... EVERY PART OF THE COUNTRY WILL HAVE SOME! BUSINESS HAS NEVER BEEN SO GOOD!



WHEW! I THOUGHT THEY'D NEVER GET HERE! POOR WILLIE GOT SO OLD HE CRACKED UP... SAY, I WONDER WHERE STEVENS REALLY IS? HE HASN'T SHOWN UP YET, TODAY!

LEAVE ME ALONE! I'M NOT CRAZY! YA GOTTA BELIEVE ME! I SAW IT!



BUT, YOU KNOW, MR. CRANE... I CAN'T REALLY BLAME POOR WILLIE. I JUST HEARD WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM! THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT THESE MANNEQUINS THAT GIVE ME THE CREEPS!

YES... THEY ARE QUEER SOME-HOW! AND AT NIGHT, ALONE WITH THEM... BRR! I CAN UNDERSTAND WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO WILLIE! WATCHING YOU SHIP THESE OUT IS LIKE WATCHING YOU NAIL DOWN COFFINS FOR REAL CORPSES!



BUT MR. CRANE DID NOT KNOW HE WAS SHIPPING MURDER... TO EVERY VILLAGE... EVERY STORE... WHERE WILL THEY STRIKE NEXT...? WHERE...? WHEN...?



HE WAS THE SWOON BOY OF HOLLYWOOD, WAS LARRY LEROY! HIS EGO WAS JUST A LITTLE SMALLER THAN THE QUEEN MARY! ALL WOMEN LOVED HIM, BUT LARRY LOVED ONLY HIMSELF! HE THOUGHT HE COULD HAVE ANY GIRL HE WANTED, AND HE USUALLY COULD, BUT BENEATH THE HANDSOME FACADE THERE WAS A FESTERING MASS OF CORRUPTION WHICH HE CALLED A SOUL! THEN ONE DAY HE MET A GIRL HE COULDN'T HAVE! IN FACT, HE COULDN'T EVEN FIND HER UNTIL THAT ONE FATAL NIGHT WHEN HE KEPT A PRE-MATURE DATE WITH DOOM...

RENDEZVOUS WITH DOOM



AND ON THAT STORMY NIGHT...

GREAT SCOTT, IT'S HER! IT'S THE GIRL AT LAST! G-GETTING INTO THAT CAR WITH A MAN! I-I'VE GOT TO STOP HER!

LEROY LEAPS INTO HIS OWN CAR AND...

WHOEVER THAT MAN IS—HE'S DRIVING TOO FAST! WHAT'S HE TRYING TO DO—KILL HER! T-TRYING TO CHEAT ME AT THE LAST MOMENT! I WON'T HAVE IT!



THEN, TO HIS HORROR...

NO, YOU FOOL! WATCH OUT! **AHH!** THEY'RE C-CRASHING, GOING OVER! THE GIRL WILL BE KILLED!



TERRIBLE! NOBODY COULD GET OUT OF THAT ALIVE! AFTER ALL THESE MONTHS I'VE FOUND HER, ONLY TO—SOB—LOSE HER AGAIN!



M-MAYBE SHE'S STILL ALIVE! I'VE GOT TO GET HER OUT OF HERE, SEE IF SHE LIVES! HAH-HAH—AT LEAST I FOUND HER! I FOUND HER! IF ONLY IN DEATH!



AND THEN—THE STRANGEST THING OF ALL...

SHE—SHE'S NOT HERE! BUT WHERE—HOW? SHE COULDN'T

HAVE GOTTEN OUT OF THE CAR! SHE WASN'T THROWN FREE OR I WOULD'VE FOUND HER! BUT WHERE DID SHE GO?



I'VE GOT TO FIND HER—GOT TO—WHERE IS SHE!



LATER, AS A SADLY PUZZLED MAN DRIVES BACK TO TOWN...

I CALLED THE POLICE AND THEY'LL TAKE CARE OF THAT POOR DEVIL'S BODY! BUT WHERE DID THE GIRL GO? MY GIRL, THE GIRL I LOVE AND CAN'T—GULP—EVEN FIND? M-MAYBE THEY'RE RIGHT ABOUT ME, AFTER ALL! MAYBE I'M CRAZY, SEEING THINGS! MAYBE THERE WASN'T ANY GIRL!



BUT THERE IS STILL THE EVIDENCE OF THE WRECK! ANOTHER WEEK PASSES AND THEN, AGAIN...



THERE SHE IS AGAIN! IN M-MY HOTEL! AND THAT DOOR SHE'S OPENING-IT'S RIGHT ACROSS THE HALL FROM MY APARTMENT! SHE'S BEEN LIVING HERE ALL THE TIME!



PLEASE! CAN YOU HELP ME! MY KEY DOESN'T SEEM TO WORK!

HUH! OH, S-SURE! I--

TOO DAZED AND ASTONISHED FOR WORDS, HE FINDS THAT THE KEY WORKS EASILY...



THERE! IT'S OPEN! BUT Y-YOU-I MEAN- I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU FOR MONTHS! YOU'RE THE GIRL WHO WAS AT THE PARTY THAT NIGHT...

OF COURSE! AND NOW YOU'VE FOUND ME, MR. LEROY?

SHE LEADS THE CONFUSED MAN INTO AN APARTMENT THAT IS SOMEHOW DARK AND AT THE SAME TIME STRANGELY FILLED WITH A QUEER RADIANCE...



YOU'RE VERY PERSISTENT, MR. LEROY! YOU REFUSED TO GIVE UP! SO I FINALLY DECIDED TO LET YOU FIND ME!

YOU MEAN YOU **KNEW**? AND YOU'VE BEEN L-LIVING HERE ALL THE TIME?



I KNEW, OF COURSE! AND I WAS AT THE PARTY, OF COURSE, ONLY MY BUSINESS WAS WITH SOMEONE ELSE NOT YOU! IT WAS JUST AN ACCIDENT THAT THE CAMERA CAUGHT ME! IT HAS NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE! BUT I DON'T LIVE **HERE!** I'M JUST HERE FOR **TONIGHT!** BUT COME, LET ME SHOW YOU SOMETHING...

BUT THE ACCIDENT! I SAW YOU IN THE CAR! HOW DID YOU ESCAPE BEING KILLED?

I'LL EXPLAIN ALL THAT, TOO! BUT JUST NOW I WANT YOU TO DO SOMETHING! YOU MUST LOOK INTO A MIRROR!



FOR THE FIRST TIME HE FEELS FEAR STIR
IN HIM-A FEELING LIKE COLD WORMS
MOVING IN HIS ENTRAILS...

A M-MIRROR?
BUT WHY-WHY
MUST I LOOK
INTO A
MIRROR?

YOU'LL SEE!
AND REMEMBER
THAT ALL THIS IS
YOUR DOING, NOT
MINE! YOU SEARCHED
ME OUT!

I KNOW YOU HAVE FALLEN IN LOVE
WITH ME! AND THAT IS VERY STRANGE,
BECAUSE NOT MANY PEOPLE LOVE
ME! AND THAT IS WHY I CAME TO-
NIGHT LONG BEFORE I SHOULD HAVE,
TO KEEP THIS DATE WITH YOU! BUT
LOOK IN THE
MIRROR NOW!

YYAAAAA!! B-BUT THAT
ISN'T ME! W-WHY? HOW?
WHY DO YOU PLAY SUCH
A TRICK
ON ME?

IT IS NO
TRICK! THAT
IS THE WAY
YOU LOOK TO
ME!

HE DROPS THE MIRROR AND TURNS
WITH A GROWING HORROR TO THE GIRL.

GAAAAA!!
WHAT ARE YOU
D-DOING?
Y-YOUR FACE!

I'M TAKING OFF MY
MASK, SO THAT YOU
MAY SEE ME AS I
REALLY AM! RE-
MEMBER-I'M YOUR
DATE FOR THE
EVENING!

AND WHEN THE BEAUTIFUL FLESH IS
STRIPPED AWAY...

NOW DO YOU
UNDERSTAND? WHY I WAS SO HARD
TO FIND, WHY YOU COULD NOT FIND ME
IN THAT WRECKED CAR? I HAD A
DATE WITH THE DRIVER OF THAT
CAR, TOO! AS FOR YOU, IT WAS NOT
YOUR TURN TONIGHT, BUT YOU LOVE
ME SO, AND TRIED SO HARD TO
FIND ME THAT-HERE I AM! SO
KISS ME AND WE'LL GO!

Y-YOURE DEATH!
NOW I KNOW! GAA!
L-LET ME OUT OF
HERE! I DON'T WANT
TO DIE! NO!
EEYIII!!

WHAT
A WAY TO
TREAT A GIRL, AND
AFTER SEEKING SO
HARD FOR ME! BUT
IT'S NO USE, MR.
LEROY! COME,
NOW!

ONE KISS! ONE
FINAL, COLD KISS!
THE LAST ONE
YOU'LL EVER
HAVE!

EEEE-
YAAA!!

PROVING THAT YOU CAN FIND
ANYTHING YOU WANT IF YOU LOOK
FOR IT HARD ENOUGH! EVEN--
CHUCKLE-- DEATH!

The End

UNSPEAKABLY LOATHSOME CREATURES DANCE BENEATH A STARLESS SKY...MEN CROUCH IN TERROR BEFORE THE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF **DOOM**...TO KNOW ALL EVIL AND CHAOS IS TO KNOW...

THE BLACKNESS of EVIL



THIS NIGHT
IS OURS...
FOREVER!
IT SHALL ALWAYS
BE WALPURGIS
EVE!

RUN, YOU
FOOLS!
RUN...
HA! HA! HA!

YAAHH-H!!
HELP! HELP!

THIS IS THE SHOP OF FREDERICK KAFFNER...
A MASTER CLOCKMAKER...AND A MAN WHO
WOULD MASTER HIS **MAKER!**

KEEP WORKING,
CARL. I DON'T
PAY YOU TO
REST!

HOW I HATE YOU,
FREDERICK KAFFNER!
IF ONLY I HAD THE
COURAGE TO
KILL...

I WISH I COULD JOIN THE FORCES OF
EVIL ON WALPURGIS NIGHT...WHEN ALL
THE CREATURES OF **DARKNESS** ARE
FREE TO ROAM! **THEN** I MIGHT
FIND THE COURAGE!

SUDDENLY THE BLACK VOID IS SPLIT BY A CACKLING VOICE--

WALPURGIS NIGHT DRAWS NEAR, MY FRIEND! PERHAPS YOUR WISH SHALL BE GRANTED! PERHAPS ON THAT FATEFUL EVENING YOU SHALL MEET... YOUR **DESTINY!**



NO ONE! BUT I **DID** HEAR A VOICE...THERE **WAS** SOMEONE HERE!

CARL--YOU FOOL! WHERE ARE YOU?



AS THE DAYS PASS, THE VOICE OF THE DECREPIT HAG GROWS LOUDER AND LOUDER...AND FINALLY ON WALPURGIS NIGHT, THE LUST TO KILL HAS CAPTURED CARL'S TORTURED MIND...

THE TIME HAS COME--MY HOPE IS NEAR! HEAR ME SPIRITS OF WALPURGIS...
HEAR ME!



A ROAR, A CLAP OF THUNDER, A SUDDEN STREAK OF LIGHTNING...AND CARL'S WISHES ARE MET!

WE COME, FRIEND OF DARKNESS!

...TO JOIN HANDS IN **MURDER!**



LIKE **PESTILENT** SPIRITS FROM A ROTTING CORPSE, THE DEMONS OF WALPURGIS DANCE MADLY ABOUT CARL, URGING HIM ONTO HIS DEED OF DEATH!

KILL! KILL! BEFORE THIS NIGHT IS DONE YOU **MUST** KILL HIM!

YES, YES! I SHALL OBEY YOU! HE'S REACHED HIS TIME TO...

KEEP BACK! ...NO...NO...NO!



DIE!

AARGH...



THE CLOCKMAKER SINKS TO THE FLOOR--HIS LIFE-BLOOD RAPIDLY EBBS--AND A FEARFUL OATH FALLS FROM HIS LIPS---

AS THE CLOCKS IN THIS SHOP STOP TICKING, SO SHALL **ALL** CLOCKS--AND IT WILL BE WALPURGIS NIGHT **FOREVER! ONLY** WHEN **YOU** ARE DESTROYED WILL THE SPELL BE BROKEN---



TO REIGN FOREVER IS OUR WISH, YOU FOOL! MAY YOUR WORDS COME TRUE! COME, MY FRIENDS, TONIGHT WE ARE KINGS OF THE EARTH!

YES... LET US HURRY!



JUBILANT AT THE LONG HOURS OF **DEPRAVITY** BEFORE THEM, THE CREATURES RUSH FROM THE CLOCKMAKER'S SHOP TO HEAR...

ALL THE CLOCKS IN THE CITY HAVE **STOPPED!** THIS WALPURGIS NIGHT SHALL BE **ENDLESS!**

WE HAVE BEEN **DAMNED!** YAAH-HH!



HA! HA! KAFFNER'S CURSE IS REALLY A **BLESSING!** WE CAN DANCE THROUGH THE STREETS FOR ALL ETERNITY!

WE HAVE WON THE EARTH AT LAST!



RUN, MORTAL... RUN AND BOLT YOUR DOOR-- THERE IS NO PLACE FOR MERE **MORTALS** IN THE CITY TONIGHT!

YAAAA-E! DON'T COME NEAR ME!



WHILE ALL TIME REMAINS SUSPENDED IN THE RAIN-DRENCHED AIR, THE BLACK DEMONS--LED BY THEIR **NEW** INITIATE IN EVIL--ENGAGE IN A WILD AND MONSTROUS ORGY OF DARKNESS!

THE LIGHT OF DAY SHALL **NEVER** RETURN! WE TRIUMPH IN THE BLACKNESS OF EVIL!



IT IS RAINING HEAVILY!
PERHAPS WE
SHOULD SEEK
SHELTER!

THE RAIN
CANNOT HARM
US! **DANCE
ON!**



BUT AS THE RAIN CONTINUES IT BECOMES A **DELUGE**, AND...

WE SHALL DROWN
HERE! IF TIME IS
SUSPENDED--THEN
IT WILL RAIN---
FOREVER!

WE **MUST**
FIND
SHELTER!



LET US INTO YOUR
HOUSES! YOU
CAN'T BOLT YOUR
DOORS AGAINST
US!

THEY FEAR US
--THEY WILL
NOT LET
US IN!

THE WATER!
THE WATER!!



FIERCELY--RELENTLESSLY-- THE RAIN CONTINUES
TO FALL UPON THE TERRIFIED CREATURES ---
AND TIME STANDS STILL AND WAITS...

YA-AIEEEE-E!

QUICKLY-- OUR ONLY
CHANCE IS TO FLEE TO THE
HILLS OUTSIDE THE CITY!
OTHERWISE WE WILL
DROWN!



WHAT MUST WE DO TO
END THIS ETERNAL
RAIN--THIS VENGEANCE
OF THE HEAVENS??

WE HAVE BEEN
TRAPPED BY THE CURSE
OF YOUR DEAD MASTER!
HIS SPELL MUST BE
BROKEN!

HE SAID THAT HIS
CURSE SHOULD BE
ENDED ONLY WHEN
YOU ARE DESTROYED!

YES!!

I--I DON'T REMEMBER!
HE-- HE **DIDN'T--!**



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GRIMLY, THE FIENDS OF THE NIGHT
TURN ON CARL... AND SEE THE
END OF THEIR MISERY!

THEN YOU MUST...
DIE! OUR RACE
CANNOT BE
DESTROYED
IN THE
FLOOD!

NO! I HAVE
SERVED YOU--
OBEYED YOU--
YOU CAN'T
KILL ME!



SEIZE HIM!
HE MUST
NOT GET
AWAY!

NO
NO-O-O
O-O-O...



AS THE BONY FINGERS OF THE CREATURES CRUSH AND TEAR ALL LIFE FROM CARL MORICH, THE RAIN STOPS!
AND AS TIME BEGINS AGAIN, THE FORCES OF EVIL FADE INTO THE BLACK VOID TO RETURN ANOTHER
WALPURGIS NIGHT...!



THE CLOCKS ARE
MOVING... WE
CAN LIVE AGAIN!!

WALPURGIS NIGHT
SHALL SOON BE OVER!!



AND IN THE CLOCKMAKING SHOP OF FREDERICK
KAFFNER, THE MANY CLOCKS BEGIN TO TICK MERRILY
ABOVE THE BODY OF THEIR CREATOR--TICKING
CLOSER AND CLOSER TO ANOTHER **WALPURGIS
NIGHT!**

